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In the workaday world of today, when so many of us go bargaining about with grim faces and the bitter attitude of a man who has chomped off a piece of apple with a worm in it, it is indeed refreshing to find that there yet remains a stalwart group who refuse to face life from the seamy side.

We refer, of course, to those happy individuals, the stamp auctioneers. A mere perusal of their literature lightens the heart and restores one's faith in man's ability to peer through mere worldly flaws and spot the basic goodness beneath.

You and I, confronted with a batch of stamps would refer to them as pretty good, fair, and lousy. No such practicality dims the enthusiasm of the stamp auctioneer, however. In our many years of experience, we have never seen one who sank below the level of "good" in describing his material, and many of them scorn to look on anything as worse than "just fine".

In order to assist fellow collectors in making the proper adjustment from their own realistic viewpoints to the starry-eyed descriptions of the auctioneer, we have gone to great effort and spent much time in compiling a lexicon of auctioneer's terms. We suggest you hang this on the wall of your den for ready reference in interpreting the auction catalogues.

Supercolossal—Stamp is on center and has all the perforations. If mint, original gum is present.

Superb—Good average copy. Undamaged.

Peachy-Dandy—Perfs do not cut off more than half of design.

Very Fine—Repaired tear less than 1/2" long.

Oolala—Perfs clipped off on one side, but design untouched.

Marvelous—Color washed out, or crease beautifully ironed out. An attractive piece.

Fine—Stamp was chewed by new puppy, but neatly repaired.

Just Fine—Stamp torn in four pieces, but skillfully mended with Scotch tape.

Good—We send you the pieces—you put them together.

It is the patriotic duty of every collector to memorize these terms, since by so doing he can cut his financial losses, which will increase his income tax payments and enable the government to buy more weapons with which to battle Communism.

Ed. Note.

We must always have an ed. note with a Cactus Jack article. This time, it is not the article, but Jack himself and our policy that we must ed. note.

It has come to our attention that our Bulletin is widely read, and it seems that the Upper Burlap stories reached the Republic of Panama. Since the Latin mind does not understand when Norteamericanos are writing with tongue in cheek, they took us seriously, and announced the Pope issues. Thanks to the actions and writings of Ernie Kehr (who did not understand the real background of the Pope issues), decisions apparently have been reversed, and if the collector is looked at all, it will be much more gently than at first planned.

Consequently, we promise not to send any more issues of the Bulletin outside the domains of countries with better philatelic manners, and request that any future Cactus Jack Upper Burlap stories be burned immediately after reading so that they don't fall into the hands of those unable to interpret them properly.

As to Jack himself, we are avidly waiting for an article on Upper Burlap stampless covers, postal savings stamps, and artichoke tax stamps.

(The above is from the May edition of the Merchantville, N. J. Stamp Club).

May 28 Last Day
For TOPEX Entries

In addition to awards in each section listed, ribbons for first, second, and third places, and a grand award for the best in show, the convention and exhibition of the American Topical Association to be held in the Hotel Orlando, Decatur, Ill. June 17 to 19 announces numerous special awards for various topical classifications.

The unique C. J. Keenan award, the "Oregon Iron Pony" will go to the best in Railroad Transportation; the Royalty Unit of the ATA has provided a crown and medal special award for tops in their classification; the Ships on Stamps Unit has three unusual awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in this most popular topic.

A new award this year is in the Rooseveltiana class, presented by Philip Silver of New York in honor of the memory of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Another new award is for Maps on Stamps, presented by the new Maps Unit. The Biology unit has an award for Flowers, Birds, and Biology.

Anyone may exhibit in Topeka, the only requirements being, exhibits must be strictly Topical in nature. There are two Junior sections, one up to 17 years, the other 17-18 year division. Suitable awards are provided for both.

A prospectus of the show may be obtained for a stamped addressed envelope to Lewis F.

Shoop, 2310 W. Main St., Decatur, Ill., or the general chairman Desie E. Bodamer, 1280 W. Forest, Decatur.

All entries should be in by May 28 to be included in the program book of the exhibition.

Dedication Cachet
For Masonic Library

Cooperation between the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Stamp Club and the Grand Lodge of Masons of the city will result in a cacheted cover being produced at the time of dedication of the newly constructed Iowa Masonic Library.

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The "Globe-Trotter" is issued six times a year, from September through May. It contains U. N., U. S., and world stamp news along with special features by stamp experts.

For application forms write to Tony Simon, director, U. N. Stamp Clubs, 33 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. Membership dues are 25 cents a year per person for branch clubs with four or more members. The minimum remittance required to join UNSC is \$1.00, which covers the dues for a branch club of four members. A stamp club with less than four members, or an individual collector, can join by paying \$1.00.

Appoint Chairmen
For USCS Activities

A. C. Fernandez, Camden, N. J. newly appointed president of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society announces the reappointment of Mrs. Dorothy Fordham, Webster, N. Y. as director of the society's program to supply stamps and cover collecting material to disabled vets and shut ins.

Charles Emerson has been reappointed as counsellor. Raymond Milling, Park Ridge, Ill., has been appointed director in charge of recruiting. James Russell of

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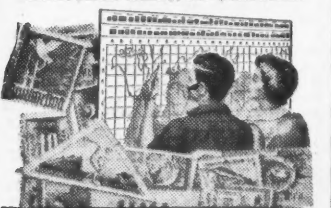
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M. S. Stephon

When doubts began to be expressed regarding the authenticity of certain types of the bars overprints of Egypt, the Baroddy Stamp Co., Ltd., P. O. Box 844, Beirut, Lebanon, as the largest Middle East wholesale stamp house for the past 25 years, made efforts to get a clear ruling from the Egyptian Philatelic Society concerning the means of distinguishing officially-prepared overprints and those which might be of private origin.

The E.P.S. replied by listing the basic stamps on which bars overprints were placed by the government print shops but was unable to furnish data on the authentic types of overprint.

The firm thereupon applied to the Postmaster General of the Republic of Egypt for this information, but none has been forthcoming to date. Experts and specialists are equally baffled by the number of varieties of bars now on the market, but, in the absence of any thorough and systematic study in print, are unable to submit conclusive data on the subject.

Certain dealers, both in Egypt and in the United Kingdom, have taken it upon themselves to pronounce "genuine" or "forged" different varieties of bars overprints according to their own viewpoint, and at least one such dealer, has printed a paid advertisement in a British philatelic magazine advising its clients of the existence of forged overprints, offering to expertise any stamps submitted, and announcing guarantees of genuine for all stamps purchased from that company.

In view of the absence of any ruling or guarantee by the Egyptian Philatelic Society or Post Office Department, and of the non-existence of a reference collection, duly certified, of the imprint of each official government overprint plate used by the three different presses which have performed the work during the past three years, and in view of the fact that when overprint plates became worn out they were replaced by new ones without any official notice being taken of the differences between the old plates and the new ones, one is obliged to ask what competent authority exists to rule on the authenticity of certain overprints.

An even more serious situation arises in the matter of guaranteeing genuine certain types of overprints. The only competent certificates which could be issued in these cases would appear to be those of the post office selling mint stamps to the dealer in question, and it is questionable that such certificates were solicited or would be given. As the bar overprints vary in type on the same sheet of post office issue stock, are the post offices going to specify, by clear illustration, each authentic type on each authentic sheet? And how will the customer know that the stamps purchased are the same covered by the post office certificate? And how about the hundreds of thousands and millions of stamps overprinted by plates worn out and destroyed years ago before philately took any interest in the types of bars overprints?

It is the considered opinion of the Baroddy Stamp Co., Ltd. that no firm, agency, or expert, in the absence of a thoroughly documented study of the innumerable plate types of the three official government presses involved, can honestly and competently issue certificates of genuineness, or level charges of forgery concerning the vast majority of the bars overprints of Egypt.

The only easily-detectable forgeries generally accepted as such by most informed dealers and collectors to date are those made on individual stamps by a single overprint cliché, usually on already-used stamps which are so scarce in mint condition unoverprinted as to make forgery on mint copies highly unlikely. But for stamps in full sheets, overprinted by large

plates covering 50 or 100 subjects, no conclusive proof has been advanced thus far concerning any particular type which can be singled out as a forgery.

In the case of double bar overprints it is known that postal inspectors returned to the press for re-overprinting sheets found to be defective in that the bars did not adequately obliterate the royal effigy, and no care was taken to insure that the correction was performed with the same plates as the original.

When these were found to be sought after at considerable premium on the stamp market, it is charged that press employees purposely ran through some additional sheets in a defective manner and then made the correction "without benefit of inspector."

But how is one to distinguish the officially-corrected sheets from the artificially-created ones?

It must be borne in mind that the overprinting of bars on all Farouk definitives of Egypt, some in vast quantities and others in small numbers, was a political and postal, not a philatelic operation, and that the overwhelming majority of these overprints were used up in normal correspondence of a nation of 30,000,000 people, and that a large representative collection of normal bars overprints may be formed inexpensively, both used and mint, without touching on controversial "double bars" or on basic stamps already scarce before the overprinting began.

Collectors desiring to add the two types of items mentioned in the above paragraph to their collection must be prepared to satisfy themselves as to the reliability of the dealers from whom they purchase such items. Where the dealers are conscientious, belong to the B.P.A., A.S.D.A. etc., they will take every normal precaution to insure that their source of supply is reliable and that the material in question does not fall within the field of known forgeries, described above.

More they cannot do and certificates of genuineness or pronouncements of forgery mean nothing in the case of an issue where so many legitimate overprints of different types were made, without official records identifying destroyed and current plates being kept.

The Baroddy firm is assembling a reference collection and is accumulating every bit of information available on the preparation, distribution and use of this issue, as well as on the identifiable single-cliché forgeries.

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PLATE BLOCK THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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Height of Enthusiasm

King for a day. Hail the new born issue. Every new stamp has its day—and it is a big one. In varying degrees a great deal of pomp and ceremony is the order of that day. Much enthusiasm and anxiety is built up for the First Day City, by federal and local officials. From the moment the issue is first announced until it comes out, collectors, and dealers as well, await for the official day the new stamp is released.

In a way part of stamp collecting is that thrilling experience which comes to all of us with the advent of every new stamp, or series of stamps. There is always the interesting discussion that follows. For example, much comment is made, pro and con, on the color and design, good or bad. The subject matter illustrated gets a good going over until it's fairly accepted as fact.

The plate block collector enjoys all of these, plus the additional features in discussing the number of plates that go to press and the number of impressions that may be made on different plate numbers. The questions that usually arise in the individual's mind are how many plate numbers will there be? Will all positions become available? How long before the set will be completed? What will the centering be like? Will there be any plate numbers with short runs and might any of these be uncommon or scarce?

Just as the stamp is released, the plate block collector is aroused and sets out to acquire them, to enjoy at the earliest date his share of thrills to the new issue. Plate block dealers, more so, are all set to hop on each new stamp, with renewed vigor, to make each new issue a more successful one than the last. The collector and the dealer may be found standing in the same line at stamp windows.

Like in anything else, when a new article comes out which is greatly in demand, the dealer may recognize the need to pay a slightly higher premium to obtain that stock which he needs for an open and ready market. This is the crux of this article. Here is a good example of slight fluctuation in values.

Throughout the country there are various individuals who may be collectors or dealers or maybe neither of the two. These people recognize the immediate demand for plate blocks of the issue that has just been released. Through their resourcefulness they may be able to pick up anywhere from ten to several hundred plate blocks at a time which they follow through by bringing them in to dealers at an early period so that they can be used to fill orders for plate blocks while the new issue is still fresh and hotly in demand. Providing of course that the plate blocks that they bring in to dealers are reasonably well centered they may be sold at anywhere from 13c to 17c per plate block (referring to the new 3c rotary plate block).

The average collector may not

realize this thing since it's outside of his normal field of interest. This is a very sensitive period at which time, the new commemorative plate block is strongly in demand, and when it begins to gradually fade away to a point where it falls into the class of the other commemoratives released in the recent past.

To generalize this in figures, one might regard the initial period of enthusiasm for the new stamp as being anywhere from thirty to sixty days, and averaging about the half way mark. In other words, from the first day the new stamp comes out, like a match when first struck, it attains the highest intensity of heat and light, and then gradually burns itself out, whence it becomes past history and joining all its predecessors.

This is by way of indicating the values of plate blocks from the day they first come out. The peculiar feature here is this. When you approach the dealer one day after the new stamp comes out, with several hundred plate blocks of the very latest issue, to satisfy his immediate demand for these, he is apt to pay you a greater price for them than if you came around with

the same amount of plate blocks several weeks, or months later. The point being that the reason that you were offered, or were able to get the higher price, was because that although being new, the plate blocks were then greater in demand than they are a month later.

This also proves that the time element does play an important role with a stamp long before the question of the size of printing that has to do with this particular issue. Subsequently in the months that follow everything settles down again to normal and the new stamp then becomes just another commemorative plate block and rated strictly on its availability with respect to the size of printing.

All the foregoing remarks do not take into consideration incidents which contribute to irregularities and make exceptions to the rule. No more than you can change human nature to that degree will it be possible to effect any change in the popular demand for everything that is new on the market. Fortunately it is much easier to supply new 3c commemorative plate blocks to the many plate block collectors at a reasonable price since the public makes great use of the 3c

stamp in the daily use of the mails. On the other hand, we find that the enthusiasm and demand for the new stamp is almost as great when a new issue of a higher than 3c denomination comes out. But then we find that the supply or availability of plate blocks is woefully inadequate to meet both the collectors' and dealers' requirements. It is then that everyone concerned meets with the serious problems of being able to supply these higher denomination plate blocks.

As mentioned in an earlier article, plate blocks are only available in direct proportion to the number of stamps consumed of the denomination. Above the 3c value, the volume of use of postage stamps diminishes sharply. That has the same effect on plate blocks. The demand for plate blocks of higher denominations is the same if the stamp is a commemorative, and somewhat less if a regular issue.

Just as the volume of stamps consumed is sharply contrasted between the 3c and the higher denominations, so is the price of the plate block sharply contrasted and out of proportion when purchased by the plate block collector or dealer.

Also we find this. A higher than 3c denomination enjoys a shorter period of festivities in the role of a new stamp and a much longer period of high premium than its cousin, the 3c commem. It may take months and sometimes a year or two until enough plate blocks manage to get into circulation, of the higher than 3c values, until the normal level of supply and demand is reached, which brings it then down to a lower and saner price and premium.

Here is one example, if it will help illustrate this. At present a 5c Monroe plate block, of the 1938 presidential series, may be obtained at anywhere from 30c or less to 40c, while the new 5c Monroe, which came out months ago is priced presently from 50c (seldom less) to 60c. Why? As I see it, it's merely the fact that the new 5c Monroe is still comparatively new on the market and still difficult to obtain, except through costly and difficult means, whereas the 5c Monroe of the 1938 series has been around so many years that either most collectors have it, or it's still in abundance. The same thing does and will apply to other denominations higher than 3c.



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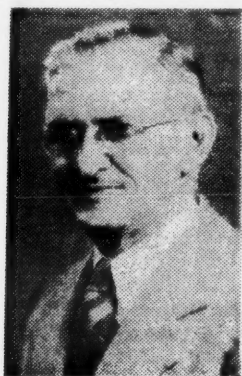
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GEORGE W. LINN

There is however an article which attacks the so-called "Republic Maluku Selatan postage stamps" which we have maintained for months past are not legal or legitimate issues.

We are very glad to have the information from a source that should know the facts. We are reprinting the matter below for your information and this should clinch the whole matter. It should be sufficient for the publishers of all catalogues and albums to eliminate this material and it should be sufficient for the American Stamp Dealers' Assn. to get up enough courage to publicly condemn these labels and to ask that all honorable and legitimate dealers refuse to traffic in them.

The more I study and read some publications such as this Report on Indonesia the more feeling and respect I have for a lot of the underprivileged and downtrodden people of the earth.

This publication is as well worded and as well illustrated and as well printed as anything that comes from any of the top countries. It gives one an added respect for, and a more thorough understanding of, the peoples of these far away places.

It also gives one an urge to know more about them and their ways of life and their problems.

Wars are terrible things, but from all such great world conflicts there seems to emerge some good and the development of this section of the world can be ascribed more than anything else to the last World War. It brought about the freedom of these people who have lived in bondage for centuries past.

Now here are the facts about these spurious stamps. (Following is Quote)

Djakarta—R.M.S. STAMPS ARE COMPLETELY WORTHLESS EVEN TO STAMP COLLECTORS—R. Dijar, director of the Postal Service here, has declared that the so-called "RMS postage stamps" disseminated abroad by the self-styled "Republic of South Maluku" (RMS) are in fact not postage stamps at all but only a medium for political propaganda, so these "postage stamps" would be of no value to stamp collectors.

On December 9 the Indonesian Post, Telegraph and Telephone Service sent a letter to the director of the International Bureau of the World Postal Union in Bern calling its attention to the obvious fact that the "RMS postage stamps" were invalid and illegal. The director has also been requested to inform all 94 members of the World Postal Union about this matter.

Dijar said this "postage stamp" of the so-called "Republic of South Maluku" was nothing new because the "RMS" had done the same thing before. In May 1952 the "RMS" issued pictures in the Netherlands which the movement tried to sell to philatelists as "postage stamps," although those "stamps" had not been legalized. The movement even tried to gain publicity at the World Postal Union Congress in Brussels in 1952 and obtain entrance into the Congress by distributing its "postage stamps" among the delegates. However, they were completely ignored and an "RMS" request for participation in the Congress was not even taken up in the agenda of discussions, though the delegation from San Marino had strongly backed the request.

Because the issuance and dissemination of these pictures are taking place abroad, it is impossible to prosecute, Dijar went on to say, adding that the Government of the Republic of Indonesia can take measures against these practices only when there pictures have entered Indonesian territory.

Dijar said that a picture can be called a legal postage stamp only if it fully meets the following conditions.

(a) a postage stamp has to be issued by a state which in reality does possess a postal administration; (b) the postage stamp, based on the legalization it obtains from the issuing state, is really used as a stamp on letters addressed domestically as well as abroad.

According to Dijar bona fide stamp collectors do not generally accept the "RMS postage stamps" as legal stamps because these stamps have not been issued in Indonesia but have been printed and dated abroad for objectives of political propaganda. (End of Quote).

Now let us see what the situation is. The Director of the Indonesian Postal Service says the Maluku stamps are not genuine stamps but merely a medium for political propaganda. He might also have said they are a medium by which stamp collectors the world over have been robbed of many thousands of dollars.

The Indonesian Government has also requested that the International World Postal Union advise all members that these labels are not stamps.

Dijar also says that strong efforts were made to get the stamps recognized by the World Postal Union Congress at Brussels in 1952 but were turned down.

Dijar also says that due to the fact that these pictures are being distributed abroad that the Indonesian Government can not take any steps to stop their sale, but he does say that if any of them are brought into Indonesia and offered there that they can act also that if any of them are used on letters in Indonesia that they can take action. Therefore bear in mind that any purported covers, said to have been used in Indonesia must be faked and perhaps made up outside Indonesia, for if the producers of such material will assert that it was canceled in the Indonesia Postal Service, then Indonesia will have a basis for action and would act.

The definition of a postage stamp as given by Dijar seems to cover the matter even better than the Webster definition which we published some weeks ago.

After reading the matter above as taken from the "Report on Indonesia" as published by the Indonesian Embassy at Washington, D. C., what else must be said to convince anyone that the so called Maluku postage stamps are of positively no value and are not postage stamps.

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Vatican Releases Three For Boniface

Although Winfred of Wessex, later St. Boniface, was slain on June 5, 754, a three-value commemorative set in his honor has just (April 28) been released by the Vatican—almost a year after his twelfth centenary, advises P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

The set consists of a 10 Lire gray, a 35L violet, and a 60L blue green. An inscription reads, "754-1954 Bonifacio Apostolo della Germania" (754-1954—Boniface, Apostle of Germany). At the left of the design is St. Boniface, holding a flowering cross, with a dagger-pierced Bible. At the right is Fulda Abbey which he founded and where he lies at rest.

The stamps, unlike most Vatican issues, were engraved and printed in sheets of 50 subjects, on paper watermarked papal crossed keys, with sheet margins lacking inscription of any kind. Like most Vatican stamps released since the death of Corrado Mezzana, these were designed by E. Pizzi. They were printed by the Italian State Printing Office. The engraving was done by M. Canfarini.

Boniface was born Winfred of Wessex about 672 A.D. of a noble family. Against his parents' plans, he chose a religious life, studying at the Monastery of Adescancastre at Exeter. He is known chiefly for his mission to the Germans, during which he converted the Frisians to Christianity. He was slain on June 5, 754, as he was about to confirm a gathering of German converts in Dokkum on the Borne River.

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Soo Locks Centennial (probably a 3c. with a first day at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. June 18).
"Atoms For Peace" commemorative. No details from POD.

ALREADY ISSUED

1064—Art Museum 3c, Philadelphia, Pa., January 15.
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UNITED NATIONS

Oct. 24—UN Day commem.
Dec. 9—Human Rights commem.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable quantity, each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

UN Quantities, New Cancel Announced

In connection with the withdrawal from sale on March 1 of the 5c United Nations Day stamp 1952, and the 3c and 5c Human Rights Day Stamps of 1952, the UN Postal Administration announced that the following quantities of these commemorative stamps have been put into circulation:—



5c United Nations Day—1,274,670
3c Human Rights Day—1,554,312
5c Human Rights Day—1,126,371

Stamps remaining from the initial printings of these issues are being destroyed.

Shown here is an illustration of the new cancellation being applied to mail receiving machine cancellation at the UN Post Office Station, UN Headquarters. This cancellation came into effect on April 25, anniversary of the convening of the UN Conference in San Francisco on April 25, 1945.

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Next, remember this new one is in vertical format which requires a little lower placement of the name and address on the envelope. You should also place it well to the right for there must be space for the sticking on of the receipt form. The POD also asks that you do not seal your envelopes, but tuck the flap in only so that the coupon can be inserted. This coupon will match in number the one affixed to the face of the envelope and is a legitimate piece to display with your cover.

Be sure to follow the instructions and suggestions fully if you want first days instead of disappointment.

1. The Iowa Territory and the Iowa Statehood commem designs have one thing in common. Know what?

2. What president is pictured on the 10c of the Presidential series?

As you can see on page one, the Post Office Department has officially confirmed that there will be a stamp for New Hampshire's Old Man of the Mountain. This news was brought to you in Linn's exclusively last February 28, weeks before any of the other stamp papers.

At that time I lambasted the idea of issuing a stamp for such a thing, and am not sold at all on the idea yet. I still can't see anything of national importance to this over-hanging accumulation of rocks with the features of a man.

The mere fact that tourists from other parts of the United States stop there to look at it doesn't make it of national importance. Tourists, as most of you know, will look at anything they can get to by road—they are out to look at something, why not the Stone Face?

The fact that certain authors have written poetry and prose about it doesn't establish anything. Dafodils, country churchyards, the devil et al. have been subjects written about for ages, and that does not make them nationally important.

Near the end of March a member of the faculty at a prominent New Hampshire University wrote me—

"I was very angry with you because of your adverse comments to a commemorative stamp for the Great Stone Face and would probably have tried to poke you in the nose should we have been close enough for that at the time. I wanted to write you a most caustic letter, but fortunately I adhered to a practice I have followed for years, never to write when angry."

"When cooled off a couple of weeks later I reread your comments and noted your being in favor of a stamp for New Hampshire, but tied up with something of national significance. That made me curious about our state's history and I did some researching in our university library."

"I must confess that I found very little of national importance to which New Hampshire could lay claim. There seems to be a poverty in this respect."

"So whether the rest of the nation thinks our Old Man is important or not, I feel that we better make the best of a stamp for him because chances are nothing much better than this phenomenon will be found on which to hang a commemoration."

"New Hampshire is delightful in July and August especially, why don't you and your family come up and tour around? I promise no nose punching!"

Thanks for the invitation, professor. We were planning to be up your way this summer. Your cordial words almost give me courage to leave my catchers mask home when we do.

Sol Glass, president of the Bureau Issues Assn., and author of that

popular and interesting reference book, "United States Postage Stamps 1945-1952", supplies the information relative to the two Red Cross stamp printing plates discussed in the May 2 column.

I had remarked about the small number of impressions made by plates numbered 24703 and 24704 and that plate blocks of these should be good property.

Mr. Glass points out that both plates were experimental and that all stamps printed from them were destroyed. So far as this pair are concerned there "jest ain't no sech animal".

Red-facedly I must admit I checked several other reference publications and books I have here in our library for information on these plates, but didn't think to look in the pages of his book. I keep it right on my desk, too.

While the POD has not announced the place of the first day release of the Atoms For Peace propaganda stamp due in the near future, chances are that Oak Ridge, Tenn. is going to be one of the leading candidates for the distribution.

Herbert A. Reed of that city advises that local civic groups are putting up a lot of reasons to the postal brass in Washington why their community should be selected.

Most of you know that Oak Ridge came into existence because of the lil' ole atom. They have a secret basic process for creating atomic energy. It consists of mixing the juice of Florida oranges with that of California oranges under carefully controlled conditions, and then at the critical moment throwing in a handful of Texas heifer dust.

And there you are!

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Time again to remind you who plan to do some philatelic shopping on your vacations to go adequately prepared for it. Have proper containers in which to store your purchases from damage.

Stockbooks and glassine envelopes are handy for singles and sets of stamps, mint or used. Large envelopes, stiff boxes and the like are good for covers. For sheets and blocks, sheet and block files are the usual protection.

One precaution however — don't get so absorbed buying philatelic items that the rest of the folks with you don't get to do anything but wait on you while you make the rounds of the stores. That's not fair to them, and would be awfully selfish of you. Use moderation in this.

Those of you in the Chicago area will be spending this week end, May 13 to 15 at the big ASDA Midwest Postage Stamp Show at the Palmer House in Chicago. Don't forget to take a minute to drop around to booth No. 11 and say hello.

1. Each has a stalk of corn on each side of the design.
2. John Tyler.

Los Angeles I-P Club Notes 7th Anniversary

Seven years of existence will be noted by the Israel - Palestine Philatelic Society of Los Angeles, Calif. Sunday, May 15. The meeting on this date is scheduled for 1:30 p. m. at the Hillel Foundation on the U. of S. California campus, 1029 W. 36th St.

Nat Peshkin will display and talk about the Independence Day issues of Israel. The program will be followed by a swap session and refreshments. Visitors are welcome.

Cuyahoga Valley Elects New Officers

William Throop is the new president of the Cuyahoga Valley Stamp Club of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Fellow officers are vice president John Spencer and secretary-treasurer Mrs. Edward J. Cobb, 1603 23rd St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Presently the group meets at the home of the secretary on the second and fourth Fridays. Interested adults are welcome to attend.

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Literature Group Plans NYC Chapter

The Philatelic Library Assn. will organize Branch No. 1 as a philatelic library study group, with its first meeting to be held at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York, N. Y. on Friday May 20, at 8 p. m.

The national organization, with some 750 members, is a unit of the American Philatelic Society, and there are approximately one hundred members in the New York area. Members of the association, and all others interested in philatelic literature are invited to attend the meeting.

Additional information may be obtained from Martin J. Warmbrand, 2720 Avenue J, Brooklyn 10, N. Y. or from George T. Turner, national president, 34-52 73rd St., Jackson Heights 72, N. Y.

Mule Drivers, Ship Honored By Israel

Israel has marked three events with special cancels, claims P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

One of the more interesting is the one which honors the 25th anniversary of the founding of the dairy farming community of Beer Toviya. Placed in use on March 3, it quite appropriately features a cow's head.

Another interesting cancel, placed in use in Jerusalem on March 6, marks the 40th Anniversary of the Zion Mule Corps, while a third, March 27, takes note of the visit to Haifa of the Holland-America-Line steamer, "New Amsterdam".

Vorhees President Of West Essex Society

Anson Vorhees was elected to head the West Essex Philatelic Society of Montclair, N. J. for the next fiscal year. Dr. H. E. Motereo is the new vice president; John Clark the secretary; and Mrs. Pauline Wrensch, treasurer.

The club meets on the second and fourth Mondays at the Montclair YMCA. The first meeting of the month is devoted to a bourse and auction and the last to a program. Visiting collectors are always welcome.

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May 16 will be the first day of issue for stamps from two members of the British Commonwealth of Nations. One of them comes from Bermuda, an entirely new denomination, but which adapts a previously used design.



It is an 8d in scarlet and black picturing a Phaeton Flaviostris in flight, and with an inset portrait of Queen Elizabeth. This stamp picture is the same as the current 6d value.



North Borneo will release the current 4c red violet and the 15c ultramarine with the designs now having the Queen's portrait. The former pictures the drying of hemp, and the latter a native prahu near Sandakan.



The Washington, D. C. representative for the Crown Agents who sent the news and copies of the stamps, further advises that Sarawak will have a new value. It is a 30c purple and brown similar to the design which it replaces, but which has the portrait of the Queen in place of the Rajah, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke.

The first day of issue is June 1. Printing is by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co., Ltd. The current 30c will be withdrawn from further sale on May 31.

CERTIFIED MAIL (Continued from page 1)

mailer's portion is numbered serially to correspond with a serial number on the sticker on the face of the envelope.

The outside envelope to the Postmaster at Washington, D. C., should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

Certified Mail constitutes a change in the registered mail service. As presently pictured by postal officials it would reduce the cost to patrons and speed delivery on at least 25 million letters a year now sent by registered mail.

For the 15c the patron would be given a certificate of mailing and the letter carrier would get a delivery receipt from the addressee. This is in contrast to the current minimum charge of 30c for registered mail.

PMG Summerfield advised that this new feature was developed from simplification studies made by the Department over a period of many months. It is claimed that the diversion of this mail out of the present registered service would enable the Department to give greater security protection to letters carrying items of real financial worth.

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Payment of the 15c Certified Mail fee does not include the cost of obtaining a return receipt. As in the case of registered mail, the carrier obtains a receipt from the person receiving the mail which then is kept on file by the post office.

For 7c extra, the sender can get a return receipt. The new service works as follows: A certified mail coupon is available at any post office counter. The patron fills in the name of the addressee on the stub of the coupon. If the sender wishes a certificate of mailing, he takes the coupon to the post office window clerk who would then stamp his postmark on the coupon, detach a gummed label entitled "certified mail" and with a serial number on it, and paste it on the envelope. The patron would retain the stub carrying the same serial number for purposes of future identification.

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Although a special stamp is provided, ordinary stamps are accepted in payment of the necessary postage. In addition, commercial

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USED

287	18	361	18	427	45
301	68	363	18	443	80
308	12	382	25	C31	1.30
337	25	388	25	C35-39	1.80
350	20	392	18	C54	32
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77-79	Christ 1942	68	169-70	St. Claire	30	E7-8	Sp. Del.	...
80-83	Silver Jubilee	15	171-72	St. Bern	31	E9-10	Cardinals	...
84-86	Christ 1943	68	173	Lombardo	32	E11-12	Basilicas	...
87-90	Academy anniv.	21	174-75	Lateran	22	E13-14	Popes	...
91-98	Reg. issue	18	176-81	Marian yr.	25	J1-6	Dues	...
99-101	Christ 1944	68	182-84	St. Pius	25	J7-12	Dues	...
102-09	Surcharge	25	185-86	St. Francis	16	J13-18	new dues	...
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Decatur, Ill. Stamp Club Host To American Topical Association June 17 To 19

Collectors planning midwest and western vacations during June, will find a stop-over in Decatur, Ill. for the fourth annual convention and exhibition of the American Topical Association on June 17 to 19 a rewarding experience. TOPEX will be held in the beautiful, air-conditioned Hotel Orlando, under the auspices of Decatur Stamp Club, ATA Chapter No. 10, and the Decatur Junior Stamp Club. Previous TOPEX affairs have been held at Johnstown and Philadelphia, Pa., and at Dayton, Ohio. Drawing upon these experiences, the committee in charge promises visitors a three day philatelic feast of knowledge and fun.

Over 200 frames of topical material will be on display in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Orlando. Collectors from Canada and the United States have entered their best in classifications ranging from Americana to Zoology.

A special section will be devoted to unusual topical exhibits prepared by Juniors. Competition will be keen, with exhibitors vying for ribbons, many special awards, and the show's grand award.

The choice of Decatur for the fourth gathering of the ATA is a happy one. Many stamp collectors are interested in American history and know that Decatur lies in the heart of the Lincoln Country. Shrines honoring Lincoln abound in the city, and many other places made famous by this great president lie within short distances of the city.

Springfield, Lincoln, New Salem, Bement, Monticello, and Urbana are all centers of Lincoln interest and worthy of visits. Charleston, farther south in the state, may be on the highway used by some visitors, and is definitely worth a stop-over. Short trips to near-by Lincoln shrines will be given, if enough visitors sign to justify the trip.

Decatur lies in the geographic center of Illinois in a rich agricultural belt. Served by excellent roads, railroads, and airlines, its many motels offer rest to weary travelers. Hotel reservations can be made through Frank J. Gollings, 1668 W. Riverview, Decatur, Ill. The 275 room Hotel Orlando has all function rooms air-conditioned. Many motels have air-conditioned sleeping rooms.

The pride and joy of the 73,000 residents is Lake Decatur, 12 miles long, on the east side of the city. Part of this pride stems from the unique origin of the man-made lake. It provides the city with an abundant water supply and recreational and esthetic benefits not common to communities of the prairie country.

The sponsors of Topex have arranged tours along the lake's beautiful shores for visitors, and gay shopping trips for the ladies. Those interested in production will have the opportunity to inspect various industrial plants, open to visitors.

During the exhibition, the Decatur post office will have a station at the hotel with a special TOPEX cancellation for cover fans and a liberal supply of current commemoratives for collectors. Twelve well-known dealers will be on hand with large stocks of topicals and other philatelic materials to serve the needs of stamp-hungry collectors. Programs on topical subjects will be held at stated times during the show.

Numerous ATA special study units and chapters will hold special meetings and luncheons for their

longs to, or is interested in any of the following groups, he can be present at their meeting as listed herewith:

Saturday, June 18—10 A.M., Biology meeting. 1 P.M. Ships on Stamps Unit. 2 P.M. Royalty Unit. 3 P.M. Coros Unit.

Sunday June 19—11 A.M. Junior Activities. 1 P.M. Perfins group. 2 P.M. Australasians. Other meetings may be arranged as requested.

Various pictures and accompanying lectures will be scheduled on the program during the three days.

Many special awards have been offered by individuals and Topical Units. The C. J. Keenan Award this year for the best in railway philately will be a miniature "Oregon Iron Pony" on the myrtlewood base. The Philip Silver Award for the best in Rooseveltiana is a new award in topicals this year.

Another new award is from the new Maps on Stamps Unit for the best exhibit on Map stamps.

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Requests have been made for a junior division in age 17-18 years. Such a division has been provided

so all juniors submitting exhibits are urged to place their age on the entry blanks.

Anyone may exhibit in TOPEX the only requirement being that all exhibits must be strictly topical in nature. Prospectus may be obtained from the general chairman, Dessie E. Bodamer, 1280 W. Forest, Decatur, Ill.

Articles Deal With Philately Of Russia

The pre-communist philately of Russia is the subject of another bountiful edition of the Journal of the Rossica Society of Russian Philately. This interesting publication appears under the editorship of Dr. Gregory B. Salisbury, 49th and Locust Sts., Philadelphia 39, Pa.

Articles range from those of general interest to highly specialized ones, most of the latter being embellished with illustrations. Only issues of the time of the monarchy are considered.

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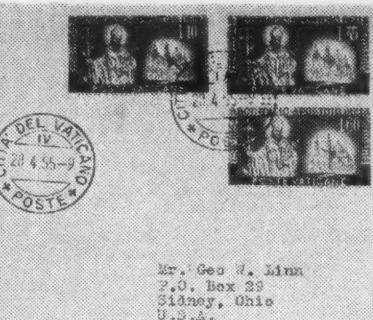
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VATICAN TRIBUTE TO ST. BONIFACE. On April 28 the Vatican Postal Administration issued a set of three stamps honoring this bishop of the Catholic church who in the eighth century brought the faith to the pagans of what is now Germany. Denominations are 10 Lire gray, 35L violet, and 60L green. All picture the saint in his episcopal dress and a view of Fulda Abbey which he founded and where he is interred. The cover was sent by E. Pagnini, Casella Postale 207, Rome, Italy.

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ALGERIA—The 30th anniversary of the French Congress of Medicine was commemorated on April 3. On that date, a 15 franc red stamp was issued showing a portrait of a statue of Hippocrates and also bearing the inscription "Alger/3 au 6 Avril/1955."

AUSTRIA—The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in New York City reports that in connection with the Fourth World Congress of The International Confederation of Free World Trade Unions, which is to be held in Vienna from May 20 to 28, this country will issue a single commemorative stamp which will be a one Schilling value.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Artia Ltd. advises that on May 5 a four-value set of stamps was issued in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Liberation of Czechoslovakia. The values are 30h, 35h and two 60h values.

They also advise that two sets will be issued on May 19. One, consisting of a 30h and 45h stamp will appear marking the third Trade Union Congress. The other will be released for the International Music Festival, held in Prague. The values of this set will be 30h and 1Kcs.

GREECE—P. J. Drossos advises of the following forthcoming issues for this country. A set of three stamps to mark the World Congress of Pythagorean Organizations to be held in Greece this summer. The designs will probably include an ancient coin depicting Pythagoras and a map of the Island of Samos.

In the beginning of 1956 it is expected that a new definitive set consisting of twelve values will be issued replacing the Dodecanese issue of 1947. The set will picture the Kings and Queens of Greece since Greece has become an independent state.

Several values of the Ancient Art set will be reissued, necessitated by a change in the foreign postal rates, which became effective April 1, 1955. Two new values will also be added to the set. The reissued stamps will be in different colors and possibly there will be a change in designs. The reissued values will be 200d, 300d, 500d, 1000d, 2000d and 4000d.

It is also expected that this country will join in the Rotary celebration, by issuing a single stamp marking the 50th anniversary.

IRAQ—The termination of the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of 1930 was commemorated on April 6, when this country overprinted three values of the King set. The overprint is in Arabic on the following values: 3 fils, 10f and 28f.

JAPAN—To commemorate the 15th anniversary of the International Chamber of Commerce, a 10 yen multi-colored stamp will be issued on May 16. The design will feature the traditional paper carp of the May Boys' Festival.

JORDAN—Two stamps were issued on April 19 marking the wedding of King Hussein and Princess Dina. The values of this set are 15f and 100f.

SWEDEN—Two stamps will be issued commemorating the centenary of the death of Atterbom, a poet, who died July 21, 1855. The values, designed by Stig Asberg, will be 20 ore and 1.40 kr.

'Waterhouse' Auction Catalog Available

The auction catalogue of the "Waterhouse" collection of 19th century United States, to be sold by H. R. Harmer, Ltd. of 41 New Bond St., London, England has been published.

Of 120 art pages, it contains 28 full photo-plates and 75 insets, 440 of the 955 lots being illustrated. Within these 120 pages are descriptions of rare United States pieces which, certainly to most philatelists, were not known to be in the hands of a collector outside of the United States.

On the first day of the auction June 27, there will be offered the Postmasters' Provisionals and the 1847, 1851-57 issues. The gem of the provisionals is the Millbury 5c on letter sheet, cataloged \$6000.



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On June 28 the issues from 1857-61 to 1867 are shown by equivalent wonderful pieces, particularly in rare blocks and covers.

The ever-popular 1869 issue starts the third session on June 29 and includes a 15c and 24c with inverted centers. In the 90c issue is an unused, part gum single, and a used strip of three. The re-issues of 1875 are complete and offered as one lot. The session continues with the Bank Note issues and concludes with Columbians, the last including an imperf. horizontal pair of the 8c and a block of four of the \$2.

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In addition to the usual exhibition at the Harmer galleries prior to the auction, the collection will be exhibited by Mr. Thorp as follows: Boston, May 7, Parker House; Chicago, May 14, Palmer House; Albany, Ore., May 21, Office, Western Stamp Collector; San Francisco, May 25, Hotel Plaza; Los Angeles, May 28, Ambassador Hotel (10 a. m. to 5 p. m. each date).

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In addition, past presidents of the organization were the speakers of the evening. Terry Cossette displayed and discussed the stamps of Switzerland and Norman Jachens exhibited German issues of World War II and told of his experience in collecting.

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BERMUDA. On May 16 Bermuda will release an 8 pence stamp, a new value for this colony.

JAMAICA. The long awaited Tercentenary stamps were released on May 10. The values are 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d and 6d. They will remain on sale for six months or until stocks are exhausted, whichever is earlier.

NORTH BORNEO. On May 16 North Borneo will release two new Elizabeth stamps, 4c and 15c. On July 1, 1954, North Borneo began issuing new Elizabeth stamps and with the seven values previously issued, these two will make a total of nine. We can expect six more to match the George VI set of 1950.

ADEN. In May 1954 Aden announced that it would issue six stamps in new colors and with some change in design. In September 1954, it released two of these, 70c and 10 shillings. Since then the 10c value was issued. Now on June 1 will be released the 5c value and on July 1, the 50c, and one shilling. This will complete the series of six stamps in new colors. Why does it take over a year to issue six new color stamps????

SARAWAK. On June 1 Sarawak will release a 30c stamp, which is a new value. This will contain the portrait of Queen Elizabeth and it is presumed that other values will follow with the portrait changed. But when????

GRENADE. On June 6, Grenada will release a 7c stamp with the royal portrait changed. This is part of another set being issued in instalments.

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Such increases are listed in one of the two full-page ads in the center of the present edition. Collectors interested in the Minkus Albums would do well to get their orders in before the June 1 deadline. A number of the books would fit well as Christmas presents.

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PRODUCTS OF CZECH INDUSTRIES are shown in the set of three commemoratives issued by Czechoslovakia March 15. On the 45 halerus green is pictured a Czech produced automobile; the 60h blue has a shuttle-less loom; and the 75h gray a large metal lathe. Another product of the nation is shown in the finely engraved cachet, a motorcycle.

Hahn New Editor Of APS Journal
David Lidman of Park Ridge, N. J., editor of The American Philatelist since the December 1951 issue, has resigned, effective with release of the September 1955 edition.
Charles Hahn stamps editor The Chicago Sun-Times and former editor of Postal Markings and Weekly Philatelic Gossip has been appointed to succeed Mr. Lidman, with the October 1955 American Philatelist. Mr. Hahn is a resident of Winnetka Ill.

Mr. Lidman resigned as editor of The American Philatelist due to business pressures. He is make-up editor of The New York Times, a post he has held for more than a year, having formerly served the Times as a national and foreign news editor. Increasing pressures of what he calls his "bread-and-butter" job, and a resulting lessening of time available to conduct the affairs of the society publication caused Mr. Lidman late in 1954 to notify Burleigh E. Jacobs, president, that he wished to be relieved of his assignment.

Since that time, and with the aid of members of the society's board of directors, Mr. Jacobs has been in communication with several philatelic writers and editors seeking a successor.

Weighing heavily in the selection of Mr. Hahn as editor of The American Philatelist were his many active years as a philatelic writer and editor, and his experience as Editorial Director, Canterbury Press, export division of Maher Publications, Chicago, publishers of export business papers.

As stated, Mr. Hahn is currently stamps news editor of The Chicago Sun-Times. He has contributed many articles to other philatelic journals and also to publications such as The Saturday Evening Post and Colliers.

As a child and youth, he passed many years in Europe and Latin America. He speaks Spanish fluently and can make his way through philatelic communications in the Romance languages and the Germanic. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, Class of 1940.

His editorships have also included the philatelic sections of the Encyclopedia Britannica, the World Book, Compton's Picture Encyclopedia, Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia, Nelson's and the People's Encyclopedia.

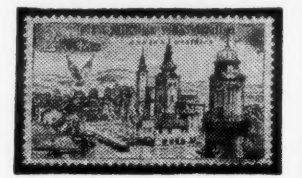
For a number of years he was associated with his father in a stamp business, "C. Hahn for Stamps," conducted from Winnetka, Ill.

Mr. Lidman came to The American Philatelist after editing the stamps news columns in The New York Herald-Tribune and The Chicago Sun. A recipient of the A.P.S. Luff Award in 1946, he also was first recipient of the Saul Newbury Award of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

All communications - editorial and advertising - regarding The American Philatelist through the September 1955 issue should be directed to David Lidman, 6 Sixth St., Park Ridge, N. J. Thereafter, communications should be directed to Charles Hahn, 535 Willow Road, Winnetka, Ill.

Fine Engraving On Czech Airmails

A set of five airmail stamps, remarkable for the quality of the engraving, was released by Czechoslovakia in two installments earlier this year. The high denomination had its first day on February 20, while the remaining quartet of values made their appearance on March 28.



All are in horizontal format with dimensions of 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches, printed on cream-colored paper in sheets of 25 subjects. The Post Printing Office at Prague was the producing agent.

The 80 halerus stamp shows the town of Cesky Krumlov after a design by Jiri Svengsbir who also performed the engraving. He adapted the picture after a drawing of the town by Bohuslav Ceufal. The color is green.

Cyril Bouda produced the original artwork from which Jindra Schmidt adapted the stamp design of the 1.55 Crowns brown picturing the town of Olomouc. Jaroslav Goldschmeid engraved this one.

Banksa Bystrica is to be seen on the 2.35Kcs. blue which was designed and engraved both by Jiri Svengsbir.

Karel Vik was the artist who painted the original from which Bedrich Housa adapted the design of the 2.75 Kcs. red brown. The city of Bratislava is the subject. Engraving was also the work on Mr. Svengsbir.

March 15 was the day of issue for three stamps printed as propaganda for products of Czechoslovakia. A 45 halerus green displays a Czech automobile; the 60h blue, a shutterless jet loom; and the 75h gray, a large metal turning lathe.

Printing was from engraved plates in sheets of 50 at the Post Printing Office in Prague. Jiri Behounek conceived all the designs. The 45 and 75h values were engraved by Ladislav Jirka; the 60h by Bohdan Roule.

The official first day cover bore a cachet which will be of interest to Collectors of Transportation subjects. It pictures a Czech-made motorcycle.

California Boy Scouts Scout-O-Rama Cachet

The Crescent Bay Area Council of Boy Scouts is issuing a cover with a special three-color cachet commemorating its annual Scout-O-Rama at Corsair Field in Santa Monica, Calif. on June 4 and 5.

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William F. Delaney, 44 Bromfield St., Boston 8, Mass. advises that he is in the market to purchase collections and accumulations of United States stamps. He asks that interested persons first write telling what they have. If they are to be sent then, he promises prompt attention to shipments. If his offer doesn't satisfy he pays return postage.

First Day Cover Service, P. O. Box 32, N. Cambridge 40, Mass. has an interesting quantity of specials in the firm's 1955 Price List of interest to cover and stamp collectors both. It is sent on receipt of 25c. Some of the not often seen 20c blue special delivery cancellation are still available prices for which will be quoted to written requests.

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Alan L. Belinkoff, 402 S. Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles 36, Calif. announces that he has available a price list of the stamps of Israel which will be sent to interested persons. Material is in complete coverage of the nation and mint and used. Mr. Belinkoff also stocks the Denhof Israel album which he finds quite suitable to house the nation's stamps.

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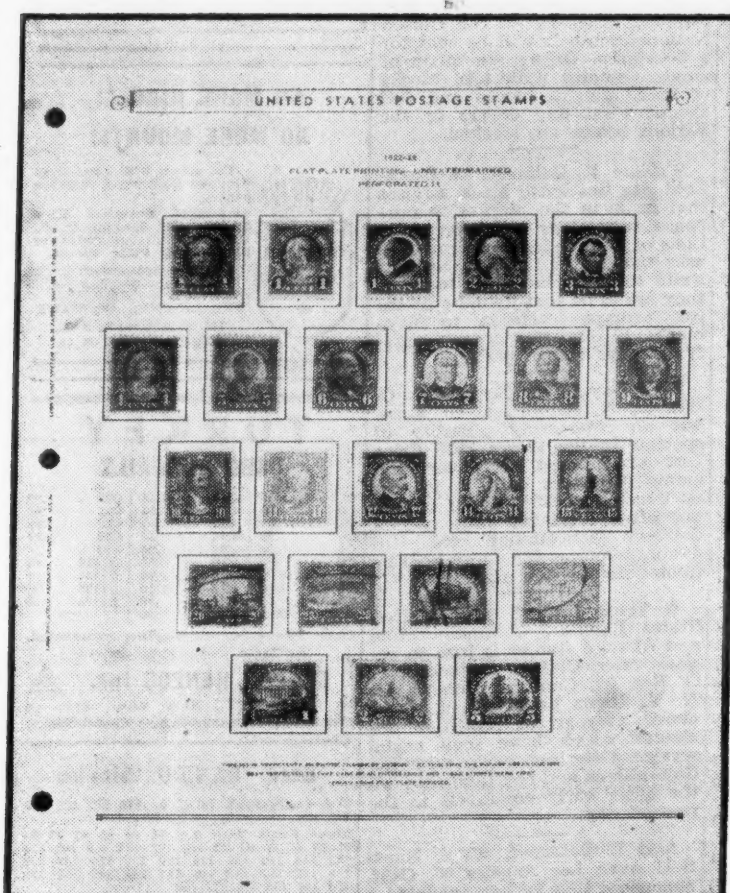
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So after hearing a lot of adverse comment on the numerous varieties of handstamp precancels it makes one wonder why some of these collectors still go on collecting them and don't turn to the PRINTED local precancels only. Outside of a very few cities the inverts and doubles etc. are pretty much a thing that came about in their normal way of production and are not collector instigated. I wonder long ago if it would not have been better to have issued a catalog

listing only the press (or machine) printed precancels and then brought out a catalog every year or so.

I don't think such a catalog today would be any larger than Scott's and with a little conservatism it could probably be somewhat smaller. The trends of collecting however do not always follow what seems to be reasonable but more what seems to touch the fancy. And I guess that is the way it should be.

OUTVILLE NOT OUT.

I really hate to report this because next month again I might be reporting that the office once again is discontinued. Anyway my information of the moment is that on the very last day the order to discontinue Outville post office was rescinded. The only way to positively verify the fact is to make a trip up there. I do know the PM sent out all the last day cards and envelopes he had.

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